

Dear Quincy University community:

For much of the Midwest, this was a beautiful spring day. We hope you enjoyed the day, wherever you were. More significantly, as Fr. John Doctor indicated in his email, today is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, which celebrates and promotes environmental protection.

This message is the thirty-eighth update on Quincy University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are a member of the QU community and have not read the previous update messages, you could search them out in your email folders or read them at <https://www.quincy.edu/coronavirus/>. Unless there are major developments tomorrow, the next Quincy University update will be emailed to you on Friday, April 24.

The QU coronavirus website also includes a link to our Q&A document, which was last updated on Friday, April 10. An updated version of the Q&A document will be posted on Friday, April 24, and will include some new information about commencement.

A total of 30 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the Quincy region (i.e., Adams County), 12 of whom are considered recovered. Some of these 30 cases spread within households. There are no current hospitalizations in Adams County linked to COVID-19. One Missouri resident has died in Adams County of causes related to COVID-19.

There are now 35,108 COVID-19 cases in Illinois, with the great majority of those cases in the Chicago area. More information about COVID-19 cases in Illinois, including county-by-county reports, is available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx>.

There currently are 6,137 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Missouri.

Both Illinois and Missouri are now operating under stay-at-home orders. The Illinois order is now scheduled to last until the end of the day on Thursday, April 30. The Illinois governor has been contemplating changes to statewide directives for several days, but no revised directives have been issued.

May 1, nine days from now, is the last day of classes for full-semester courses. May 7 is the last day of final exams for the full-semester courses and the last day of B Session courses. Get your work done, Hawks! Don't let the campus squirrels distract you with their beady little eyes and contempt for human authority.

Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more: Each of us needs to wash hands for 20 seconds, use hand sanitizer, maintain a physical distance of six feet when we must be out in public, and remember famous lines from Shakespeare.

In addition to physical distancing, the CDC recommends the use in public places of simple cloth face coverings to reduce COVID-19 infections. For those of you who were unsatisfied with the earlier link to GQ advice on stylish facemasks, not to worry: Our friends at *Vogue* have put together a list of the trendiest (and priciest) masks out

there. See <https://www.vogue.com/slideshow/stylish-face-masks-to-shop-now>. Or, you can make a mask at home for free.

If you are looking for more campus news, you are encouraged to follow @Quincy_U and @Quincy_UMcGee on Twitter. Resources are always available at www.quincy.edu and at <https://www.quincy.edu/coronavirus/>.

In doing exhaustive research on the subject, we were amazed to learn the CDC does not keep data on the number or nature of squirrel attacks on humans. Rest assured, though, Hawks, that we will remain vigilant in monitoring the threat posed to QU by the squirrel queen and her minions. We assume the squirrels are stockpiling food for the day they rise up against us. It may also be that squirrels stockpile food because that's their nature, but we are true believers in the great squirrel conspiracy theory.

On this Earth Day, we congratulate you for not printing this email. Well done.

Sleep easy, Hawks!

Sincerely,
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